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| Gospya's biggest (24 pages). Actually, this was not even intentions guess things just seem to add up without you realising it! Again,=I urge members to send in anything at all that they feel would be of interest to other readers, to be included in the magazine. A big thank-you goes to all people that come and help collate the newslee. And updates. This job takes hours upon end - and to those who come (especially consistently) you can be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Finally, I wish you all pleasant reading. Please forward all mail to:- THE EDITOR P.O. BOX 477 MT GRAVATT QLD 4122 |
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THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated on August 6th. The texts from the Old Testament which we hear during vespers for the feast, on the evening of August 5th, prepare us to understand the mystery of the Transfiguration. First of all, comes the account (exod. 24. 12-18) of Moses on Mount Sinai, where he spent forty days and forty nights. The reasons for choosing this text are easy to understand. Moses is one of the figures of the Old Covenant, who, according to the gospel acount, is seen with the transfigured Jesus. Then there is the theme of the mountain: 'Come up to me into the mount, and be there', and it is also on a mountain that Jesus is transfigured. There is the parallel - and the contrast - between the two moses of revelation received on the mountain: in the first, God gives Moses the law written on tables of stone; in the second, God reveals the living person of his Son. Finally, there is the light, or cloud, of the divine presence, that 'glory' which, for the Hebrews, had a physical reality - 'A cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai....The glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount... ' - and which already presages the light of the Transfiguration. The next reading Exod. 33. 11-23, 34. 4-6,8) gives us an episode each word of which applies marvellously well to our own spiritual life. God says to Moses: 'My presence shall go With thee, and I will give thee rest'. Moses asks God: 'I beseech thee, show me thy glory'. God answers: 'I will make all my goodness pass before thee... Thou canst not see my face'. Moses comes to the meeting place fixed by God; he stands on Sinai with the tables of the law in his hands. "And the Lord descended in the cloud.... And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth...'. God speaks to us inwardly as he spoke to Moses; 'face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend'. As with Moses, he makes his goodness rather than his glory pass beofre us. But we are more fortunate than Moses, for we know that we can contemplate the face of God in the person of the Son. Finally, two episodes from the life of Elijah (Septuagint, 3 kgs 19. 3-16) are read. First , his taking refuge for forty days on Mount Horeb, where an angel brings him bread and water; then, the revelation of the divine presence which was not in the fire, the wind or the earthquake, but in the still small voice'. Earlier in this chapter, we have commented on this, and so ask our readers to refer to that. These three readings from the Old Testament associate Moses and Elijah, for both of them will be witnesses of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

At matins, we hear the account of the Transfiguration given in the gospel according to St Luke (9. 28-36). At the liturgy, the account is taken from

the gospel according to St Matthew (17. 1-9). The epistle read at the liturgy is the second of Peter's epistles (1. 10-19): with James and John, he was one of the three witnesses of the Transfiguration. Also, his memory of this mystery is particularly moving: 'We ... were eyewitnesses of his majesty...This is my beloved Son.... This voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount...'. Peter 'more sure' (perhaps because his readers have not had his experience, or through humility he gives a higher standing to Scriptures than to his own experience, or perhaps he wants to underline the divine authority of the whole body of prophecies). The prophetic word, like the light of the Transfiguration 'shineth in a dark place', says Peter, 'until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts!

Let us now try to consider some aspects of the gospel account of the Transfig

Jesus takes his three most intimate disciples with him. Sometimes God reveals, Himself to sinners in an extraordinary way, but, in general, the privilege of contemplating God, and of entering into the joy of the Transfiguration is reserve for those who have followed the Master long and faithfully.



.....To Be Continued.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT VENESA CONOMOS

I can't believe that the end of August is already here - time seems to go so fast! The committee and I are aiming at inputing more VARIETY into our functions. We have held taverna nites, a family picnic and a barn dance.

It was great to see members of GOSP and past GOSPYAN members - who are now married with one or more children come to the picnic day, as well as our GOSPYAN members. The weather was very kind to us that day and all who came along had a great time playing volleyball, participating in the sack races, or just sitting back and lapping up the lazy, sunny Sunday afternoon.

However, regarding the barn dance the weather was not so kind - it absolutely pored. It was a great pity that the barn dance was washed our because this kept away. Nevertheless, the ones that were there were determined to promenade an area washed. (you had to be there) and had a very fun-filled evening indeed. The caller had everybody who attended toe-tapping and square dancing till after eleven. For those who came in their denims and leather - it was great seeing you! For those who missed out -- stay tuned and make sure you don't miss the next one!

Our future social events - a 'Sensations' taverna nite on August 23 and a bonanza fashion parade on August 30 are on in a double-barrel fortnight. We give you the first week-end to warm yourself up with the dancing, while a week later you are entertained by our parade of models and the top range of clothes and accessories. The clothes the models are wearing are from the shops: Vogue for Men, Gico (Bico and Gino), Najee, 'Hot', Kerry Xynias Designs and Stiletto. We are very excited about the fashion parade and much preparation has gone into this - under the expert guidance of Mrs Eva Zouppas. So come along and make sure you don't miss out on the entertainment and nibbles! The Debutante Ball preparations are also going along in leaps and bounds. However, we would love to see a few more or our gospyan girls take the plunge and do their debute. Don't wait till next year - or you may miss out!

A big congratulations goes to our soccer team, the Spartans who have dome GOSPYA proud once again. Great effort has been put into the Saturday afternoon games and at the week-night training sessions. The skillfull techniques and the hard diligent training really paid off! All Saturday spectators to the weekly games (including myself) had a great time we did a lot of mo le-type' screaming and often left the games with no fingernails.

On the international scene, I have received a post card from Michael Comino who is in Greece. He reassures me not to fear, he is having a great time over there with other well known GOSPYAN personalities such as Jim Poteris, George Yanardassis, George Pelecas (surprise, surprise). Well, all I can say is - I hope they blister in that heat! (You know what they say - jealousy is a curse!)

What I would like to lastly mention is the very enjoyable evening that was had by all at GOSP'S annual 'Tis Panagias' August Dance. The band and DJ had everybody swinging till well after twelve while I am convinced the raffle was rigged.

I hope to see you all at our next two functions - a taverna on August 23 at 'Sensations' and a fashion parade at 'Sensations' on August 30

As editor, I had a very interesting time sifting through the responses girls had to the last feature article titled, "Taverna Nites - A Male's Point of View". I have to admit that some of the responses were pretty "ugly". Well girls, I don't really blame you - it was a pretty nasty blow to our image. What I have dome is merged the letters together and tone down what was said.

The girls felt that it was high time that guys were told what they really thought of them. Firstly, girls get upset that the guys arrive at 'Sensations' in a cool calm collected and confident manner - but really 'underneath the Aramis and leather' they are insecure.

They walk straight over to their favourite spot - "The Bar" with a drink in one hand and a smoke in the other. Later they proceed to the edges of the room to join in the cluster of their mates, brothers or cousins where they feel secure.

They survey the scene asking each other 'any good sorts' or, 'is she re yet?' When one of the guys wants to dance with a girl he asks his fri for acvice and approval. If his mates approve of the girl, he'll send anchis friends over to her with the message - "he wants to dance/talk/say hello to you."

Yes, it is true that we girls look forward to GOSPYA's Taverna Nites - so we can meet other youth from the same background. Yes, we can meet other youth from the same background. Yes, we do look at ourselves in the mirror before we go out - but so do you guys - admit it!!! Okay, we admit it, we look at your RX7's, EXA's, BMW's and Alfa's - but we feel that it's a pity the guys aren't always as nice as the cars!!!!

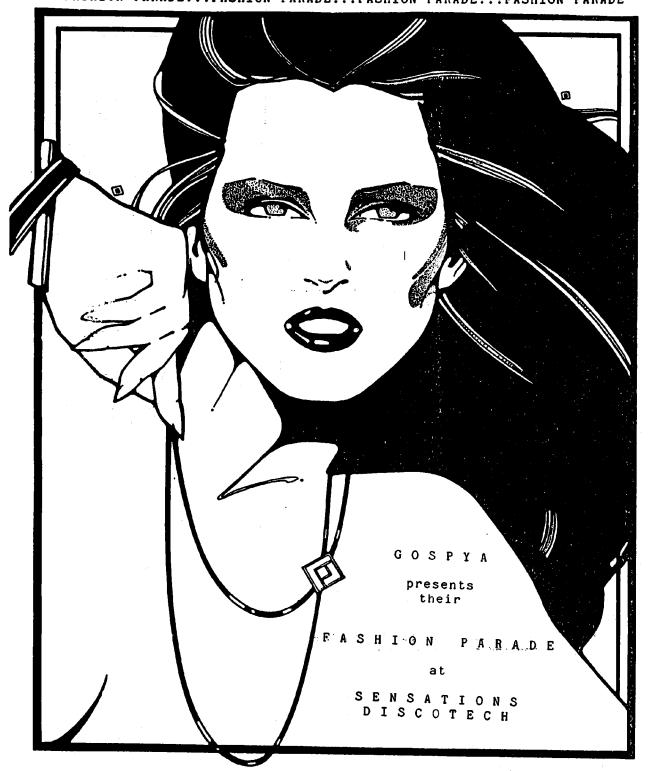
Our advice to you Greek guys is......please show us more respect - we have feelings too! Get off your high stools, show some individuality and ask girls to dance. If you don't know girls just introduce yourselves and start a conversation - we don't bite! Just because you're asking us to dance, it doesn't mean you have to marry us! All we want to do is have an enjoyable evening - meeting different people and dancing. Also, we're sick of being judged as a group instead of as a group of individuals. We're all very different - in our goals etc.

Well guys, what can I say? Those were the more neutral comments that were made. Not too good are they?! Actually the last feature was put into the magazine as a jcke - a bad one, possibly, but nevertheless, a joke. The actual joke is, that the last feature was written by a greek girl (what's her hang up??)

The fact that it evoked such an aggressive response shows that there are obviously things which girls are not happy about. Maybe Greek guys are more old fashioned or shy than what we all think! Certainly more that what they'd admit to.

maybe the root of the problem is the complex psycho-analytic infrastructure of our diversified community (am I getting carried away???????)

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SENSATIONS - The Great Southern Hotel, 516 Newnham Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

DATE: Sunday 30th August TIME: 7.30 p.m. COST: \$10.00 MUSIC: D. J.

HOT:::STILETTO:::KERRY XYNIAS:::NAJEE:::GICO:::VOGUE FOR MEN

GOSPYA would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents of our

OUT "N" ABOUT





SOCIAL REPORT LUKE COMINO

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PAST FUNCTION - BARN DANCE

On Tuesday, August 11, Gospya held its Barn Dance. Unfortunately it rained that evening which kept may people away. However, we still managed to get a turnout of about 40 people. Those who came said they had a very enjoyable evening dancing to the calls of a square dance caller. The committee may be holding another one later on in the year, so those who missed out will have a chance at square dancing.

DEBUTANTE BALL

24 OCTOBER

Preparations for the Debutante Ball are well under way. The committee is working hard to make this Ball a successful evening, but, if the Ball is to be a success GOSPYA must continue to get the support of its members. If there are any girls who wish to do their debute then it is till not to late to join. Practices for debs and their partners are held on Wednesday nights from 7.30 - 9.00.

The committee is presently organising the Ball Magazine. The Magazine provides a good opportunity to advertise your business or your parents' business.

If there are any girls who wish to do their debute or if anybody wishes to advertise in the Ball Magazine could they contact myself on 848 1989 or any other member of the GOSPYA Committee or Senior Committee.

FASHION PARADE

30 AUGUST

GOSPYA is holding its annual Fashion Parade on the 30 August. However, it will not be at the Mansfield Tavern as previously advertised but at Sensations. A lot of preparation has gone into the Fashion Parade by Mrs Zouppas, Eve Londy, Helen Collivas and Maria Lakis to make sure it is a success. Modelling of the clothes from various exclusive stores will be by GOSPYANS. If you want to see who they are then come to the Fashion Parade and give them your support.

MR GOSPYA

20 SEPTEMBER

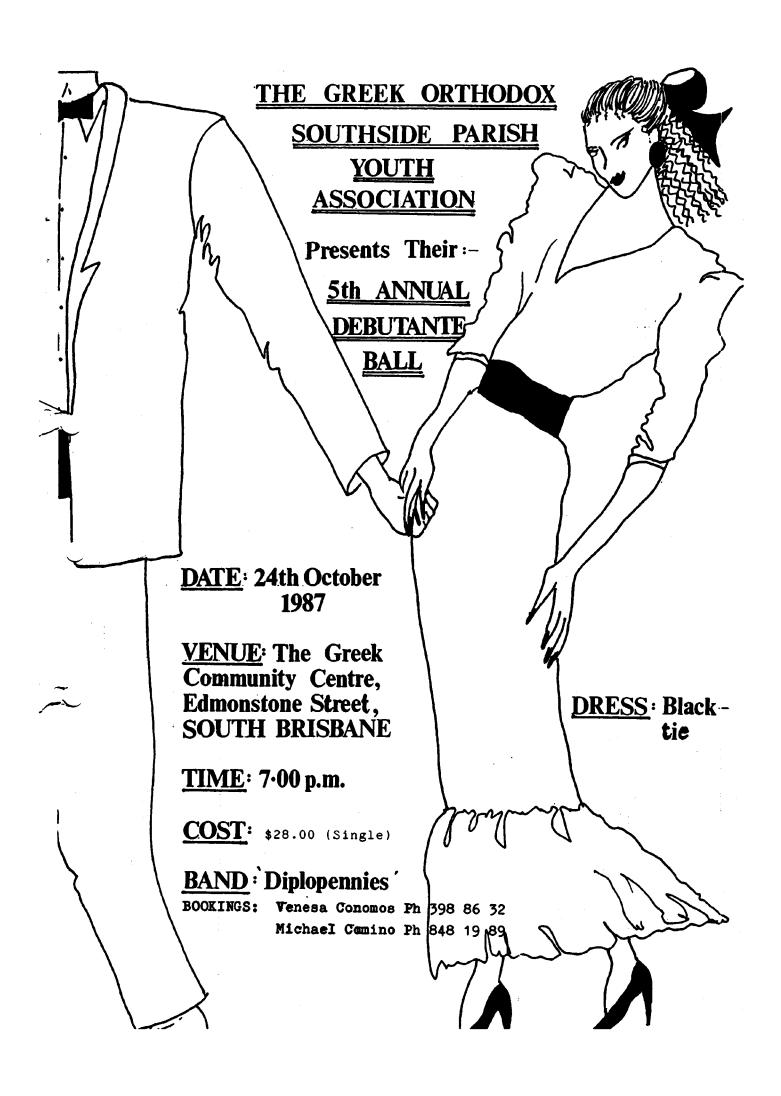
GOSPYA's 4th Annual Mr GOSPYA contest will be held at Sensations on 20 September. If there are any Gospyan Guys who want to join the illustrious club of Mr GOSPYA and win an embroidered 'Mr GOSPYA 1987" robe then get your acts organised. Past Mr GOSPYA acts have included Rock & Roll Wrestling, The Beer Drinking Norm Brothers and many more. So come on Gospyan Guys use your imagination and show GOSPYA what your made of.

All contestants please contact myself on 848 1989 to secure your position in the Mr Gospya pagent.

TAVERNA NIGHTS

In addition to the Debutante Ball, Fashion Parade, and Mr GOSPYA, GOSPYA will be holding Taverna Nights at the following dates and locations:





SPORTS REPORT LUKE COMINO

Soccer

GOSPYA Spartans have again done GOSPYA proud by winning the Premiership in Division 1 or the Church League. Spartans trained hard and fought like 'Spartans' all season to once again prove that GOSPYA IS NUMBER 1.

Spartans now enter the finals in their quest to win the Grand Final to add to the Premiership. The soccer team has been well supported this season by GOSPYAN spectators and the Spartans didn't let them down. So come out and support GOSPYA in its quest to win the Grand Final.

As Membership officer for G.O.S.P.Y.A., I am very pleased to report a still-growing enthusiasm from the Greek youth of Brisbane towards G.O.S.P.Y.A. and her functions. Although nearly 8 months have passed this year, our financial membership continues to grow.

Please contact me, or any member of the G.O.S.P.Y.A. committee if there are any enquiries concerning misdirected mail or new anemic bership.

I can be contacted on 849 4659 (after hours), or at the following address:-

G.O.S.P.Y.A. NEMBERSHIP,
P.O. BOX 477,
MT GRAVATT, QLD. 4122

The following Gospyans are celebrating their birthdays in September and October:-

| SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Marianthi Hatzipetrou 1st | Nicholas Bantouvakis | |
| Paula Vogias 1st | Tina Anastasas /s | T |
| Crissy Varitmos 2nd | i Angela Kouloutas /s | T |
| Con Cayas 6tl | n Chris Sophocleous 2n | ıd |
| | n N Katrivesis 3r | |
| Koula Fotinos 7tl | 1 Kylie Drakos 3r | ď |
| | Poppy Dritsas 6 | ·h |
| Luke Comino 11tl | Anastasia Vorgias 6 | h |
| Nectaria Papoutsakis 12tl | i Ces Colagrand 6t | .h |
| Nick Marentis 14th | n Nicky Stavropoulos 7t | h |
| Sylvia Baras 15tl | ı Peter Papantoniou 10t | |
| Irene Piliaris 15ti | n Emanuel Tzafaris 11t | h |
| Maria Bellos 17tl | n Nicholas Gianniotis 12t | . h |
| | 1 Kathleen Grace 12t | h |
| Alexandra Panagos 18t1 | n Michael Hatzipapas 13t | .h |
| | Dimitra Piantes 15t | h |
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| | Andrew Costi 19t | h |
| Maria Maras 23rd | i F Vassilakis 19t | h |
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| | n Despina Zaketakis 25t | .h |
| | n Sophie Ktenavos 26t | h |
| Desma Conzoudios 29t1 | 1 Dimitra Manis 26t | h |
| | Con Costi 27t | h |
| | Sophia Valiotis 28t | .h |

FELLOWSHIP REPORT JOHN KASKABAS

Firstly I must thank everyone who helped at the last picnic we had. We will be having another picnic which will be coming up soon, and again I will call upon your help. This picnic will naturally be even bigger and better than the last.

As I have mentioned in a newsletter, a while ago, we are organising a progressive dinner. This is where house A provides the Entre, house B provides the meal etc.

Naturally everyone attending will be helping out with the meal and also cleaning up. So if any parents and/or members are willing to help out - I would like to hear from you. Could you please ring me on 397 5017 after 7.00 p.m. any night (except for Thursday).

Fellowship meetings are on every second week from Friday the 21st and are growing in the number of attendances. This is good to see and we would most certainly like to see you at approximately 7.30 p.m. at the Creek Road Church. Also, we need more males to help pass the trays around on Sundays at Church. Please ring me if you can help out at the next fellowship night!

KOTSOBOLIA

- * George Bousias (Athenians) and Dora gave logo.
- * Luke and Venesa gave logo.
- * Nectarea Papoutsakis gave logo.
- * George and Gina Conomon's little baby boy, Andrew, was christened very recently.
- # Jim and Virginia's second daughter is to be christened very soon.
- * Congratulations to Bico Athanasas (past committee member) who has just become the new owner of the 'Greek Taverna'.
- * We're a bit late (oops) congratulations to Tony Conias for opening a Video Shop.
- * Recent reports from the Meditteranean assure me that newly weds, George and Chrissa James are having an excellent time on their honeymoon.
- * Overseas connections say Michael Comino is complaining that other Brisbane boys over there are cramping his style.
- * Congratulations Maria Lakis on your 21st Birthday for September 14th.
- * Word has it that Helen Condoleon is excited about being the new 'nona' for baby 'Orania' whose parents are Theo and Julie Karydis.
- * How's this for flashy cars John Karydis just got a new metalic blue Rx7. Some people have all the luck.

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GOSPYAN SPECIES

Anna Marie Cassimatis

Name:

Nick Name:

Favourite Relaxation:

Favourite Movie: Favourite Show: Favourite Drink:

Favourite Sport:

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Ambition ' Hobby:

Favourite Singer:

Favourite Song:

Who would you like most to meet:

What would you do if you won

\$1:000 000:

Anna Marie Cassimatis Anna Banana, BIG A

Studying at QIT Howard the Duck Days of Our LIves

Alcoholic Soda Water on the Rocks

Gas Bagging Going Berko You Beauty

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to become a Nun (truth comes out)

Pinching Gloria's clothes

Lionel Richie Whitney Houston

Anna Marie at 5 years old

Noris Stu Spiti No 5 Alive

Buy a Twin Cam Back

Travel Europe

Venesa conomos

Name:

Nick Name:

Favourite Relaxation:

Favourite Music:

Favourite Drink:

Favourite Sport:

Favourite Ambition:

Favourite Saying:

Favourite Hobby:

Favourite Dish:

Favourite Show:

Favourite Song:

Who would you like most to meet:

What would you do if you won

\$1 000 000:

What would you like GOSPYA to

do for you:

Venesa Conomos Essa, Nessy

Listening to radio headphones in bed

Elvis Presley, Spiro's Tapes

Lemonade & Hot Milo

Golf and watching Luke play soccer while

abusing the other team with the girls To strangle all her year 10 Cit Ed

students

Bigum Dealum; Yippee Doo I Love You

None

Chops; Anything with mullet

Days of Our LIves; Dynasty; The Colbys;

The Cosby Show; Tia Maria Ad.

I'm still standing, Drive (by the Cars)

Elvis

Buy cannon so I can do the newsletter

Join the committee

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DATES TO REMEMBER FELLOWISHIP MEETINGS - Sept 4,18, Oct 2,16,30.

FASHION PARAGE - SUNDAY SOTH AUGUST - 7:30pm

MR GOSPYA - 20th SEPT. AT SENSATIONS

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DEB. BALL - 24th OLTOBER: 7:30pm SHARP